

## TO PROBE HARRISMAN COMBINE

AND MAYBE BREAK IT UP LIKE THE HILL MERGER.

Interstate Commerce Commission Considering How It Had Better Act—Subject to Be Raised in Congress Next Month—Is Oregon Short Line a Holding Co.?

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The Harriman consolidation of railroads, enlarged recently by the addition of the Illinois Central, amounting to what some officials in Washington believe to be a combination in restraint of trade to the same extent as the Northern Securities Company, which was dissolved by decree of the United States Supreme Court, will be investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, either on its own initiative or in accordance with a resolution that will undoubtedly be passed by Congress early in the December session. Advice has been received here that resolutions galore aimed at the Harriman lines will be introduced by Senators and Representatives.

For several days the Interstate Commerce Commission has had under consideration an inquiry into the operations of the Harriman companies, it having been alleged, although not in a formal way, that the combination was as obnoxious to the law as the merger of the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Burlington, which was successfully prosecuted by the Government. While there is no evidence on this point, the announcement has been made that the Harriman lines, so-called, are controlled by a holding company, namely the Oregon Short Line, one of the links in the great transcontinental system built up and developed by E. H. Harriman.

While the Interstate Commerce Commission has no authority to hold hearings or institute proceedings in the courts under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, it was instrumental in throwing light on the big combination engineered by President James J. Hill of the Great Northern.

The twelfth section of the interstate commerce act provides that the commission "shall have authority to inquire into the management of the business of all common carriers" and "shall keep itself informed as to the manner and method in which the same is conducted."

Accordingly an announcement was made in 1902 that it appeared to the commission "that certain consolidations and combinations of carriers, including the method of association known as the community of interest plan, should be made the subject of investigation, to the end that the commission may be informed as to their formation, purposes and modes of operation, together with their effects upon the movement of interstate commerce and the rates received therefor and to the further end that it may be ascertained whether such consolidations, combinations and methods of association are unlawful." Testimony was given at the hearing held in Chicago in 1902 that eventually resulted in a dissolution of the Northwestern merger.

Whether the inquiry concerning the Harriman lines will be inaugurated at once or the commission will await action by Congress is to be determined later. Information on the subject is now being collected by the commission to guide it in reaching a conclusion.

The understanding here is that the men who control the Harriman lines will eventually be called upon to explain the agreement under which they are working.

## THE TWINS BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

Diminutive Negroes Induce Officer to Take Off Their Handcuffs.

SOMERSETT, N. J., Nov. 10.—George and Irving Belaney, the ten-year-old negro twins who recently set fire to the Somerset County Jail, while on their way to the State Reform School at Jamesburg today, Moore left the Somerset County Jail for Jamesburg this morning with his diminutive prisoners handcuffed together.

When the twins reached the station near Jamesburg and were waiting for a conveyance to complete their journey to the reform school they complained of feeling tired and pleaded with Moore to take off their handcuffs. Moore complied with their request. Irving Belaney made a wild break for liberty as soon as he was released and disappeared around the corner of the station. The other twin started to run in the opposite direction, but he was grabbed by Moore, who dragged him along as he pursued the fleeing twin across country. Moore captured his prisoner after a hard run.

## ABOLISH SECOND CLASS FARES.

Railroads in Central Passenger Association to Discuss Plan.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—A proposition to abolish second class passenger rates will be discussed at the meeting here Wednesday of the Central Passenger Association. The plan is favored by the New York Central and the Pennsylvania but is opposed by the weaker roads.

The Erie and Grand trunk roads are opposed to abolishing second class passenger rates, and so long as they maintain them the other Eastern roads will be compelled to do so. The question has been raised whether the railroad will be obliged to maintain two classes of equipment if they maintain two rates of fare on their passenger trains. Practically the only restriction now placed on a second class ticket is that the holder of it cannot ride in a Pullman car. He is debarred from patronizing the dining car or riding in chair or parlor cars. Some of the Eastern lines do not even enforce the rule prohibiting purchasers of second class tickets from riding in Pullmans.

## W. H. EMERY THROWN.

His Horse Lands in a Ditch After Jumping a Five Foot Fence.

ROSELIN, L. I., Nov. 10.—W. H. Emery, a member of the Meadow Brook Hunt, was thrown from his horse to-day while out with the hunt, but escaped with nothing worse than a shaking up. The hunt started at Westbury. Mr. Emery's horse became unmanageable in taking the bit in its teeth started across lots. The horse took several fences in good style and finally came to a five foot fence near the Jericho turnpike. He went over it all right but landed in a ditch on the other side and Mr. Emery was sent flying over the horse's head.

He landed twenty feet away and was considerably shaken up. Some of the other members of the hunt came to his aid, but he soon recovered sufficiently to remount his horse. He rode part of the way home and then got into an automobile in which some friends happened to come along.

## Gen. Shafter Improves Slightly.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Nov. 10.—Dr. Thomas of San Francisco and local doctors are in attendance on Major-General Shafter at his home near here. The first bulletin to-day showed a very critical condition. Pulse, 80; respiration, 33; temperature, 100. At 3 o'clock there had been a slight improvement. The patient was resting more comfortably and had been able to take nourishment.

## BEEFSTEAK FOR SIR THOMAS.

The Cup Hunter Guest at a Garret Dinner in Holsenwebers.

With a butcher's apron tied in front of him and reaching below his knees, seated upon a beer keg and eating from a little, low wine case as a table, Sir Thomas Lipton was initiated last night into the informal joys of a beefsteak dinner as the guest of Benjamin J. Greenhut.

Forty diners sat in a circle up in the best-stocked garret of Holsenwebers' at Eighth avenue and Fifty-eighth street and without the aid of knives, forks or spoons put away beefsteak and lamb chops to their hearts' content. Beer and ale poured out of teakettles and tapped from a tall four foot brew kettle regaled the beefsteakers. Sir Thomas was very much tickled by the informality of the occasion.

The festivities started after Sir Thomas and the party had made their way through kitchens and pantries and devious passages up into the low, rather dingy loft, where the steaks are broiled right before the diners.

Oscar, the undercook, felt very proud when Sir Thomas greeted him as "chef" on his way aloft. Just before the company was seated eight lusty sailors of the Holsenwebers' culinary crew, dressed in white and half covered with large shamrocks, tumbled down a rope hand over hand from an open balcony above into the center of the circle of diners and horn piped it off to their duties in distributing the beefsteaks to the guests.

Sir Thomas, amid his struggles with slices of the meat handed on pieces of bread, keenly enjoyed the songs and rags of a negro quartet, especially when big Tom Fletcher shuffled into the circle and roared out the tune of the "Missionary Man," proclaiming that he'd "teach Sir Lipton to sing a coon song, 'cause I'm that missionary."

Mr. Greenhut presided, and when most of the beefsteaking was finished said that he had known Sir Thomas for a long time and had endeavored in the present instance to give him a novel entertainment. Sir Thomas was very loquacious with a cold but made a short speech. He said:

"Brother beefsteakers, here I am grateful for this opportunity to be amid such good company and such good cheer. This is just what I like, sitting down to a good old fashioned dinner. It is something like the primitive manners of our forefathers. The primitive character of this occasion and the wearing of aprons came to me in a fair measure back to the times of the early Scriptures, when Adam and Eve wore aprons of the fig leaf kind as coverings for themselves. It won't do to go too far back into these primitive times and I'm glad the host has drawn the line here."

"None of my ancestors ever had beefsteak dinners—plain potatoes were more in their line. They did not have any knives and forks either. This is the sort of thing I love and I hope soon to return to have another as the guest of my good friend Mr. Greenhut."

The company adjourned after the speech-making to a vaudeville entertainment in a room above.

Some of those present were Wilson Marshall, R. A. C. Smith, H. H. Vreeland, J. H. Flagger, William H. Porter, Andrew Freedman and Herman Ridder.

## STRIKE BREAKER ARRESTED.

Driver of Auto Cab Had a Blackjack and a Loaded Revolver.

John D. Kaybough of 230 West Forty-third street, a strike breaking chauffeur, who was running one of the New York Transportation Company's electric cabs, was ordered to stop at Fifty-first street and Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon by Bicycle Policeman Lehane. Lehane thought the driver was running his cab carelessly. Kaybough didn't heed him and gave the policeman a run to Fifty-fifth street, where he was caught.

Kaybough was arrested, and in the East Fifty-first street station a blackjack and loaded revolver were found in his pockets. He said he proposed defending himself if any of the strikers tried to stop him while he was running his machine. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons as well as violating a corporation ordinance.

Edwin Maher, owner of a cab at the northeast corner of Forty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, opposite the garage of the transportation company, was in the West Side police court yesterday morning charged with malicious destruction of property by Thomas Frost, a photographer of 303 East Seventy-sixth street.

Frost said that several days ago at the west of the automobile company he lined up the special policemen of the concern to photograph them. He had hardly got into action, he added, when Maher came out of his place and asked:

"Whose pictures you taking?"

"Those special policemen," Frost replied.

With this, he says, Maher smashed his camera, worth \$25, and made a swing for the photographer's head.

"Isn't it a fact," said counsel for the defendant, "that you are suing Mr. Maher in the civil court for \$500 damages to your camera?"

Frost answered in the affirmative.

"That's pretty good," commented the Magistrate. "Suing a man in \$500 for a \$25 camera."

Maher was held in \$500 bond for trial.

## WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN.

Mrs. Pallas Was on Her Way Home From Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Kate Pallas, a widow, 40 years old, who lives at 8 Third street, Brooklyn, was struck by a "coney" train at the station on the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Fort Hamilton avenue late yesterday afternoon and so badly injured that the physicians at the Norwegian Hospital say she cannot live.

Mrs. Pallas had gone to the Greenwood Cemetery earlier in the afternoon and was waiting on the station platform for a train back to her home when a three car "coney" Island train came to a stop on the surface at this point and the platform is raised only a few feet from the ground. How the woman got in the way of the oncoming train nobody knows. Otto Clipperty, the motorman, did not know that she was struck until he saw her body.

He tried to stop the train, but before he could do so the first car had passed partly over her body and she was lying under the rear trucks. There was instant panic on the train and several women fainted. When the motorman backed his train and Mrs. Pallas was dragged from under the trucks she was unconscious.

Dr. Stratman, who came with an ambulance from the Norwegian Hospital, said that she evidently had a fracture of the skull, besides internal injuries. Later it was reported at the hospital that she would probably live only a few hours. The motorman was not arrested.

## RUNAWAY BOY HURT.

His Father, Newman Esherman, Hears From Him Through the Accident.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Nov. 10.—Newman Esherman, a son of a New York man, who ran away from his home two months ago, was hurt here to-day. He jumped from a freight train on the Erie road and the toes of his right foot were crushed. To Dr. J. F. Condon, who attended him, he said he had a brother in the Metropolitan Bank in New York. From this information the physician got in communication with the young man's father by telephone.

The boy, who was very much enjoyed to get news of his son and to learn that he was not seriously hurt. The father requested that the young man be removed to a hospital and that he be kept in a room where he could be easily reached. Dr. Condon accordingly had him sent to St. Michael's Hospital.

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## BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Now that his new book has been published Rudyard Kipling is preparing to go to his winter home near Cape Town. Mr. Kipling lives in a fine old Elizabethan house in Sussex in summer. His den is far up among the gables, where he works every morning from 9 until 12. The rest of the day he devotes to recreation, to motoring about the historic scenes of England or to walking or riding over his estate. Mr. Kipling has 500 acres of rich cultivated land and he is an enthusiastic farmer, personally supervising his tenants at their work. He is more interested in talking with a visitor about one of his prize chickens than in discussing his literary work or the British foreign policy.

"The House in St. Martin's Street; Being Chronicles of the Burney Family," by Constance Hill, is a new book of special literary interest. These chronicles of the writer of "Evelina" and her family in the last of their London homes are taken from contemporary letters and journals written by Fanny Burney and her sisters. The book includes unpublished letters from Mrs. Thrale, "Daddy" Crisp, Garrick and others.

Miss Lily Grant Duff, the daughter of the late Sir Mountstuart E. Grant Duff, has written a novel entitled "Periwinkle," which will be published in November.

Frederic Harrison's "Memories and Thoughts" pictures a genial Carlyle who, he says, "made me feel at home at once, and he talked on with a simple and hearty openness of thought, full of drollery, epigram, laughter and racy deliverance on men and things, with warm kindness toward his visitor and many forgetfulness of himself and his position as acknowledged master in letters, and an utter sense of embarrassment, discontent or spleen." Mr. Harrison's reminiscences of George Eliot supply information on the makings of "Felix Holt" and "Daniel Deronda" not included in her husband's biography, and portray her as "the most courteous and considerate of friends, delighting in lively conversation and good natured gossip—an excellent housewife and considerate mistress."

The frontispiece of the December Century will be a reproduction in color of Sigismund de Ivanowski's portrait of Maude Adams as Peter Pan. Miss Adams posed for the artist at Orono, her home in the Catskills, and he took the finished portrait there for her to see. She was playing tennis when he arrived, and the canvas was placed in the cottage, where she would see it as she entered. There is a pretty story of how she ran to it and cried with pleasure over it, so charmingly has it reproduced the spirit of the character.

Irving Bacheller has made his way into the Rocky Mountains in search of local color and big game, reaching the big game country by a stage journey of one hundred and twenty miles and a saddle ride of sixty miles. He has been hunting grizzlies without any bad effects either to the game or to himself, but after following seemingly endless canyons he had the pleasure of bringing down by a shot from his rifle an enormous bullock, whose head he prizes highly. Mr. Bacheller reports that big game is getting scarce even in the Rockies.

It is said that "The Cowboy Bishop," that witty Bishop Talbot whose reminiscent volume, "My People of the Plains," has recently been published, is really the hero of the story told of Archbishop Ireland. "Where in hell have I seen you before," questioned a rough looking man, meeting Bishop Talbot in the street of a mining town. To which the Bishop quietly retorted, to the delight of the bystanders: "What part of hell do you come from, sir?"

The Dean of Westminster has sanctioned the inscribing of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's name at the foot of her husband's grave in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey. When Robert Browning died the honor of burial of his wife's remains, now entombed in Florence, was offered and declined. In this the centenary of her birth her name will be added to the list of the famous but the Abbey, and the grave of Florence, to which so many pilgrims find their way each year, will remain undisturbed.

M. Anatole France has been engaged for ten years on a book about Joan of Arc which is soon to be published. The subject has always been a favorite study of the author, and many shelves in his library are consecrated to volumes relating to the French heroine and her times.

Books of travel, biographies, and historical works are favorite recreations with women of leisure, with whom they are evidently the result of exhaustive research and study. Among the more notable works of this kind brought out by women during the past year are Mrs. Russell Barrington's "Life, Letters and Works of Frederic Leighton," Lady Gilbert's life of her husband, Mrs. Beaumont's "Herodotus of French Society," "Letters of Robert Earl of Lytton (John Merdith)," (Miss Langbridge), "William Blake," Mrs. Schell's "Edward Ainger" and Mrs. Alec Tweedie's monograph of "Portico Diaz."

The object which Prince Hohenlohe had in view in arranging for the publication of his Memoirs after his death—the book which has caused such a profound sensation in Europe and threatens an internal crisis in Germany—is explained in a recent issue of the Spectator. Prince Hohenlohe was a patriotic South German, moderate, liberal, loyal to the Empire and hating

Bismarckian traditions. The Emperor began his reign by repudiating the great Chancellor's policy, refusing to sacrifice his Austria ally to the secret treaty with Russia or to admit that the Socialists were menacing enemies to be dealt with severely. Prince Hohenlohe perceived that a reaction had taken place in the Emperor's attitude and a return to the old tortuous system of diplomacy—especially manifest in his dealings with France, Russia and England, as well as with the Socialist element in his own empire. To warn his countrymen of their danger if the Empire remained in the hands of the present ruling caste he wrote his Memoirs, and the reaction why Prince Hohenlohe laid upon his son the sacred obligation to publish the Memoirs.

"The First Forty Years of Washington Society," from the letters and journals of Mrs. Samuel Harrison Smith, an account of life in Washington in the beginning of the nineteenth century, will be brought out early in November.

"Italy and the Italians," by Helen Zimmern is an account of Italy and the Italians of to-day—their art and artists, their statesmen and system of government, their books and newspapers, their industries and amusements, the political and social problems which interest them.

Miss Myrtle Reed, the author of "Lovers and Old Lace," "The Master's Violin" and other popular novels, has become the wife of Mr. James Sidney McCulloch of Chicago. Mr. McCulloch is an active operator in real estate. "A Spinner in the Sun" is the latest book published by Mrs. McCulloch.

The German original of "Richard Wagner to Mathilde Wesendonck—Letters and Leaves from a Diary" has reached its twentieth edition in the course of a year.

Mary Stewart Cutting's "Talk to Wives" in *Harper's Bazar* embodies some good plain facts that it is well for any wife or woman who isn't a wife to remember if she expects to be a useful member of the family. Chief among these is the superior patience and philosophy of the average man to the average woman in bearing the burdens of life. "A man rarely dwells on anything unpleasant unless he has to," Mrs. Cutting says truly. "He gets away from it as soon as possible. She will complain to him each night and tell him how hard she has had to work. Very few men complain daily, when he comes to think of it, of how hard they may have to work. Once in a while they may allude to it casually, sure of comprehension, to another man. Very seldom will they dwell on it to a woman. With a man, as a rule, if a thing has to be done it has to be done—why, then, talk about it?"

Among the recollections which make up the autobiography of Gen. Lew Wallace is a description of one of the great Lincoln and Douglas debates to which Gen. Wallace listened, strongly prepossessed in favor of Douglas at the beginning but overcome by the magic of Lincoln's oratory. He describes Mr. Lincoln in his fitting clothes, the thin neck covered over his sweat-wet collar, the smile on his lips, the world of kindness in his eyes.

Mr. Lincoln spoke straightening himself as well as he could. But for the benignant eyes, a more unattractive man I had never seen thus the centre of regard by so many people. His voice was clear without being strong. He was easy and perfectly self-possessed. The great audience received him in utter silence, and the July sun beat mercilessly upon his bare head. I confess I inwardly leaped at him, only the laugh was quite as much at the political man who had led him out against Mr. Douglas. Nevertheless I gave him attention. Ten minutes—I quit laughing. He was getting bolder of me. The pleasantness, the sincerity, the confidence, the amazingly original way of putting things, and the simple, unstrained manner with which, when on perfect work, and these and these I dropped an old theory, that to be a speaker one must needs be graceful and handsome. Twenty minutes—I was listening breathlessly, and with a scarcely defined fear.

Thirty minutes—the house divided against itself was looming up more and more of a figure of speech. My God, could it be prophetic! An hour—the limit of the speech. Mr. Lincoln took his bow. Many souls sat down with him—that is, how many of the unbelieving like myself were converted to his thinking—I could not know.

Gerhart Hauptmann has written a new mystical play. It will not be produced until next year.

The life of Sir Leslie Stephen, K. C. B., by Frederick William Maitland will be among the Putnam publications for November. Dr. Maitland, a close personal friend of Sir Leslie and his family, is Downing professor law at Cambridge University and the author of "The Domestic Book and Beyond" and "Political Theories of the Middle Ages." The distinguished authorship of the life and the interesting personality of the subject should make this biography important.

Eleanor Hoyt Brainerd's next book will be called "Betina" and it will be one of the first books of the new year. It is the longest story the vivacious writer has yet attempted, and Betina is said to be a worthy sister of "Nancy" and "Belinda."

The Academy makes an arraignment of American ideals in literature and art which, while it appears as the over long preface to a review, may be of interest to the student of literature.

Fifty years ago the American mind promised to become one of the grand intellectual forces of modern civilization. In the period of intellectual stagnation in Europe between the decline of romanticism and the rise of evolutionism, a new school of thought was formed in America in which the ideas of the Orient were combined with those of the Western world. Emerson framed a beautiful view of life in which there was retained an equilibrium of the world and poetry of the material universe. Whitman found in the mystic idea of the soul something that clothed flesh and matter with a fresh beauty and a fresh significance, and in the philosophic idea of evolution something that

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